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PHC Katchal runs without Doctors; Residents Demand Posting of Sufficient Doctors

John Wilbert & Rabindranath
Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Oct 19: The Primary Health Centres were opened by the A & N Administration to take health care facilities to the doorsteps of the people living in remote pockets of the islands, but most of these Primary Health Centre buildings have now



remained as mere First-Aid Centres. As per report, residents living in the remotest pocket of Southern Group of (See page 5)

Member of Parliament demands release of adequate compensation to all victims of Aerial Bay Fire Accident

Port Blair, Oct 19: Expressing his dismay and concern on the Aerial Bay fire accident, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the

and Nicobar Administration to send a team to Aerial Bay, Diglipur to assess the damages and release adequate compensation to the fire victims as early as possible.

The Member of Parliament of Par- (See page 5)

Fire Victims of Aerial Bay given Shelter by G P Kerelapuram

Rabindranath Biswas
Sheekha News Service

Diglipur, Oct 19: The fire victims of Aerial Bay have been temporarily given shelter arranged by the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Kerelapuram in its Panchayat Hall last night. As the fire victims lost their domicile, they succumbed to destitution.



Mr. Dipankar Samiti, Diglipur along with Mistry, Pramukh, Panchayat (See page 5)

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Jolly demands Grant of Adequate Compensation to Fire Accident Victims of Aerial Bay, Diglipur

Port Blair, Oct 19: Mr. Vishal Jolly National Executive Member BJP & Former State President, BJP A&N Islands, requests to grant adequate compensation to the fire accident victims that took place at Aerial Bay, Diglipur, North & Middle Andaman District through a letter addressed to Lt. Governor, ANI & Chief Secretary, A&N Administration today.

In his letter, he wrote



that yesterday reportedly 09 shops belonging to a few poor (See page 5)

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Isles Bengali Poet Honoured In West Bengal



Port Blair, Oct 19: In a cultural programme organized by VISHLittle Magazine in association with the Sahitya

Akademi (Ministry of Culture, Government of India) in the premises of Ajodhya Jamidarbari,

Bishnupur, Mr. Anadiranjan Biswas was honored with Billwamangal Goswami (See page 4)

CPI (M) Demands Adequate Compensation and Temporary Shed to Run Business for Fire Victims

Port Blair, Oct 19: Communist Party of India (Marxist) has demanded adequate compensation to all the fire victims at Aerial Bay Market, Diglipur, North Andaman. In a letter sent to the Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands today (19.10.2022), Mr. D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M)

A & N State Organising Committee has said that in the fire broke out at Aerial Bay, Diglipur on 18th October, 2022 afternoon, about 9 shops have been gutted. Except one or two, all these shopkeepers are staying in the same building. The cause of fire is yet to be revealed

by the authorities concerned. Mr. Ayyappan stated in the letter that the shopkeepers who have lost everything they earned during their life time in the fire accident have no other source of income. He informed the Lt. Governor that as per the information he re-

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Dental Checkup Camp Held at Khalsa Public S S School

Port Blair, Oct 19: A free dental check up camp was held at Khalsa Public Senior Secondary School, Port Blair on 18th and 19th October respectively. The camp was organized by Inner Wheel Club in collaboration with Dr. Poonam Arora (Arora Dental Clinic), Port Blair. Along with the other members present, Mrs. Raj Mahajan, Charter President and Mrs. Satinderpal Kaur, President, Inner Wheel club graced the inaugural session on 18th October 2022.



The dental checkup was conducted for around 155 Senior Secondary students. The team of dentists led by Dr Sharmila Patil, Dr Diksha, Dr Kavi Malar consecutively examined the students and ap-

prised them of their dental problems and gave relevant solutions. All the students screened during the camp were gifted with toothbrushes. Two students K Karthika and Aastha Singh of class IX were

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KVK-CIARI, South Andaman Organises Kisan Samman Sammelan

Port Blair, Oct 19: The ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, South Andaman, organized a programme for online participation in Kisan Samman Sammelan on 17th Oct 2022 at KVK, Sippighat by inviting farmers, farm women and public representatives. The online program was inaugurated by Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi at Indian Agricultural Research Institute at PUSA, New Delhi. Union agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Union fertiliser and chemicals minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Union minister of state for fertilizers and chemicals Bhagwanth Khuba, and Union ministers of state for Agriculture Kailash Choudhary and Shobha Karandhaje and other senior officials also participated in the event. On this occasion the Prime Minister also inaugurated 600 Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendras

(PMKSK) under the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers. Furthermore, the Prime Minister also launched Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana - One Nation One Fertiliser. During the event, the Prime Minister also released the 12th installment amount of Rs. 16,000 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) through Direct Benefit Transfer. The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Agri Startup Conclave and Exhibition. During the event, the Prime Minister also launched 'Indian Edge', an e-magazine on fertiliser. Mr. Madan Mohan Joydhar, a very progressive farmer from Chouldhari was invited as the chief guest during the programme.

Speaking on the occasion he motivated the participants to take integrated farming system for sustainable livelihood. Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Pr. Scientist & Head, KVK in his



keynote address briefed about the activities of KVK and also highlighted the present need for starting agripreneurship in the Islands. Dr. N. Bommayasamy SMS (Agronomy) and Dr Pooja Kapoor, SMS (Home Sc) also spoke on Natural farming and Importance of Value addition on the occasion. Dr. Y. Ramakrishna & Mr. Tanmai Paul distributed seedlings to the participants. A total of 72 farmers, farm women and others benefited from the programme. The programme was organized under the guidance and supervision of Dr Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director CIARI, Port Blair and Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Pr. Scientist & Head, KVK.

Island Chess player shines in International Open Rated Rapid and Blitz Chess Tournament

Port Blair, Oct 19: Shrihaan Karmakar of Class third standard from Kendriya Vidyalaya 2 performed brilliantly in International open rated rapid and blitz chess

tournament held at Pallikarai, Chennai for 15th and 16th October 2022. He secured 9th rank in the under 8 category and awarded with trophy and certificate. The official of

Andaman Nicobar Chess Association congratulated him for excellent performance. Apart from the cabin crew of airlines also felicitated him on board way back to Port Blair.

CPI (M) Demands...

ceived from Party workers at Diglipur, these poor shopkeepers sustained loss of lakhs of rupees.

Mr. Ayyappan further brought to the notice of the Lt Governor that the fire could not be controlled immediately as reportedly it took more than one hour for the fire tenders to arrive at the scene. He further said that even when the fire tender arrived, reportedly there was not sufficient water in the fire tender and other op-

erational problems. The coast guard and general public also tried to control the fire from further spreading, but could not save the shops which had already gutted in the fire. In this connection, it is also not out of place to mention here that the road leading to the Aerial Bay is in a pathetic condition as the authorities have failed to maintain it properly. CPI (M) Secretary requested the Lt. Governor to sanction adequate compensation to all the affected shopkeepers taking into

account the huge loss they sustained in the fire accident. He requested the Lt. Governor that these affected shopkeepers may be provided with the temporary shed near the accident site to run their business as almost all of them fully depend on the business they were running at Aerial Bay. He urged upon the Lt. Governor to cause an inquiry into the reported failure of the Fire Unit at Diglipur to control the fire so as to take further course of action in the matter.

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Isles Bengali...

Sahitya Samnanana 2022 (by Maniklal Singha Sanskriti Gabeshana Parishad).

Two organizations of Dhaka, Bangladesh,

namely, Biggyan Kabita Andolon (Science Poetry Movement) represented by its President Mr. Hasnain Sajjadi and Biswa Bangali Sansad (World Bengalee Council)

represented by its President Lokman Hosen Pola felicitated Mr. Biswas on the occasion for his significant contributions to Bengali literature.

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Dental Checkup...

rewarded for their excellent Dentition health.

Mrs Rita Devi, Protection Officer, Social Welfare Department was the guest of honour for the closing ceremony on 19th October 2022. She appreciated the effort of doctors

creating dental hygiene awareness and holding extensive dental examination for the students. She also motivated Inner Wheel club members to include students and teachers in their Endeavour for exemplary health awareness camps across other schools and col-

leges too. On behalf of the Management Committee of KPSSS, Principal, Dr S K Jagpal thanked the members of Inner Wheel Club and doctors of Arora Dental Clinic for their relentless efforts in smooth conduct of this camp over two days.

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Cleanliness Drive at Burmanallah

Port Blair, Oct 19: Marine Litter poses a vast and growing threat to the marine and coastal environment. Around 8 million items of litter enter the marine environment every day endangering the species in the ocean.

Yuva Bharat Samaj Seva Charitable Trust organized a cleanliness drive at Burmanallah on 16/10/2022 in collaboration with local fishermen and volunteers and collected 15 bags of garbage which includes solid waste, polythene bags, plastic bottles, glass bottles, and food wrappers, and proper disposal of the said waste was ensured with the support of Gram Panchayat from the sea-shore.



It was a worthwhile cleanup and YBSSCT took pleasure in what they done. It was surprising to see the huge heap of garbage collected from a small area of the beach.

They expressed their gratitude towards the Directorate of RD, PRIs, and ULBs for providing vehicle facilities and manpower, for the re-

moval and disposal of the collected garbage.

The main reason for the cleanup drive was to have an immediate positive impact on our environment by removing trash and making our surrounding a better place to live in. To understand cleaning isn't easy work, but when we do it together we can surely make a difference.

Awareness Program on Successful Cooperative Business Modal at Govt. Senior Secondary School, Tushnabad

Port Blair, Oct 19: With the aim to create awareness among the students of school and colleges, about the concept and importance of cooperatives, the National Cooperative Union of India, Cooperative Education Field Project (Ministry of Cooperation) A & N Island unit has organized a "Awareness Program on Successful Cooperative Business Modal" at Govt. Senior Secondary School, Tushnabad today (19.10.2022).

Mr. Mohammed Hanifa, Principal, Govt. Sr. Secondary School, Tushnabad was the chief guest on the occasion. Addressing the gathering the chief guest has said that the

concept of cooperative is very much important, it can play a vital role for socio-economic upliftment of people. He expressed his happiness towards the efforts of National Cooperative Union of India, Coop. Education Field Project, A&N Island unit for creating awareness among the students about this valuable concept. Welcoming the gathering Mr. Surendra Nath Singh, Project Officer, National Coop. Union of India, Cooperative Education Field Project A & N Island unit has said that the platform of cooperative is very much powerful where members can work together for their common interest of socio-economic reforms.

He urged the senior students of the school to choose cooperative as their carrier. Miss Nilima Rari, Faculty member, Rajiv Gandhi Cooperative Training Centre, Teylerabad briefed the students about cooperative formation and its principles. The officials from Animal Husbandry and Health department were also highlighted various developmental programs being implemented by their department. 85 senior students and staff of Govt. Senior Secondary School attended the program. Vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Naresh Ram, Coop. Education Instructor, NCUI Field Project, Port Blair.

Uttar Pradesh govt cancels all doctors' leaves as Dengue cases rise

The Uttar Pradesh government on Wednesday cancelled the leaves of all the doctors and paramedical staff in the state in view of the rising cases of dengue. Deputy chief minister Brajesh Pathak said that "all measures are being taken to avoid the spread", reported news agency ANI.

"Cases less as compared to last year. Beds are reserved in hospitals and preparations for enough platelets are being made. Leaves of all government doctors and health-related people have been cancelled," the deputy CM said as quoted by ANI.

Earlier on Friday, the Centre deputed a six-member high-level team to Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with the state authorities to institute measures for dengue management in Firozabad, Agra and Etawah districts. The team comprises experts from National Centre for Disease Control, National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control and Dr RML Hospital, New Delhi.

"The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has decided to depute a high-level multi-disciplinary team to Uttar Pradesh to collaborate with the State Health Authorities in instituting pub-

lic health measures for Dengue management in Firozabad, Agra and Etawah districts," the ministry had said.

Over 3,000 cases of dengue have been reported in the state so far. Earlier this month, experts had said that the number of cases might swell in the days to come due to an increase in the number of spots that favour mosquito breeding. Between January and September this year, the state reported 2,103 dengue cases.

Meanwhile, Delhi has also registered 314 dengue cases from October 6 to 12 - with the annual tally at 1,572.

Fire Victims...

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the local BJP leaders Mrs. Suniti Halder, Mr. Swapan Gupta, Mr. Kewal Krishna and Mr. Liton Das visited the Panchayat Hall where the fire victims are temporarily putting up and donated them clothes.

The Pramukh has written a letter to the Deputy Commissioner and urged the DC to extend possible financial assistance as an ex-gratia to each of the fire victims, a communiqué from the Pramukh said.

Member of...

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liament also requested to make temporary arrangements for shop owners to

run their business, who have lost their shops in the fire accident.

PHC Katchal...

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islands Katchal alleged that PHC Katchal is running without a single doctor for the last three days.

Mr. G T Lawrence, General Secretary of Katchal Setters Association told Andaman Sheekha today that the residents said that the residents of this island depends on this PHC for the health service, but from the last two days there were no doctors in the Primary Health Centre while many patients returned home without being treated who had visited the hospital.

"If any serious patient would have visited the PHC seeking treatment in exigency, what would have been the situation, and who would have taken the responsibility, if anything untoward would happen?" the residents interrogated.

To their great disappointment, the basic amenities of the PHC are in bad state, the locals of the area alleged. "We don't get

proper treatment owing to insufficient strength of staff and poor diagnostic facilities at our PHC", the residents of Katchal rued. When contacted, a senior Officer of the Health Department said that the matter has been taken up and will be resolved accordingly. He further revealed that, there are two doctors posted in PHC Katchal- one male and the other a female; however, of these two doctors, the male doctor is on leave while the female doctor developed some serious health issues and hence she was brought to G B Pant for treatment.

Incidentally, recently a transfer list was out and in which the female Doctor's name reportedly figured and she would also be transferred to GB Pant Hospital. In order to cope up with the given situation, another doctor from nearby islands has been arranged and dispatched to PHC Katchal who is on duty now, the senior officer told Andaman Sheekha on the condition of anonymity.

Jolly demands...

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shopkeepers were gutted in a fire accident that took place at Aerial Bay, Diglipur. Some of them were vegetable vendors, few were running ration shops, hotels, phone recharge shops etc.

As the fire was huge & enormous, all the nine shops were gutted in fire & nothing could be saved.

Further he added that the shop vendors have

lost their livelihood completely as reportedly they had these shops being their only sources of income.

Considering the apparent damages that have been caused and also considering the losses they have suffered due to this unfortunate & disastrous tragedy; he requested an early assessment of damages caused due to the fire and grant them adequate compensation.

Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman Visits areas dominated by Ranchi Community for Certain Issues



Port Blair, Oct 19: The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Mr. Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, along with Mr. Dilkhush Meena, IAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SA), Mr. Rahul Dev Boora, IAS (Probationer), Mr. Vinayak Chamadia, IAS

(Probationer) and Tehsildar, Port Blair visit the areas predominantly inhabited by Ranchi community such as Ranchi Basti, Attam Pahad, Mahaveer Nagar. The Chairperson, Port Blair Municipal Council and concerned Ward Councilors also accompanied.

They mentioned, during the visit the DC (SA) interacted with the residents at Lambaline village. Various issues were raised such as construction of new community hall, construction of black top road connecting VKV Nagar Palika School and Jawahar

Colony, School Line village, Renovation of Balwadi, Maintenance of community toilets, trimming of trees nearby VKV Nagar Palika School. DC (SA) inspected all the spots and gave a patient hearing to all their grievances and assured them of its early disposal. DC (SA) has requested to the ward councilor to put forth a proposal for construction of black top road under Central Road Fund (CRF). At Attam Pahad village the residents also raised their issues related to non functioning of street lights, widening of footpaths, allotment of land for playground, replacement of old pipelines. DC (SA) issued directions to the revenue field staff to identify suitable land for playground along with youths of the village and to put forth proposal of road under CRF and pipeline under AMRUT 2.0. Thereafter, DC (SA) visited Birsa Munda memorial at Attam Pahad and requested the ward councilor to place signage board depicting the

memorial. Thereafter, DC (SA) visited the low lying area of Mahaveer Nagar, Prothrapur and interacted with the general public, the residents raised issues related to drinking water, electricity, surrender of land for road, proper maintenance of drainage, bus connectivity for school going children, construction of Anganwadi and construction of drains to which DC (SA) assured them to sort out the issues at the earliest.

It is pertinent to mention that special focus was given to all the above mentioned areas during COVID times for ration disbursement and few months back by DC (SA) along with SDM (SA) had visited the localities with regards to complaints received regarding LPG distribution.

The District Administration is committed for the welfare and overall development of South Andaman District and the District Administration requests the public to come forward with genuine issues related to development of their area.

APWD Workers Begin Indefinite Mass Demonstration

Port Blair, Oct 19: The Andaman Sarvajanik Nirman Vibhag Mazdoor Sangh (ASNVMS), affiliated to CITU, has conducted a territory-wide mass demonstration in front of the offices of the APWD today (19.10.2022), demanding (i) implementation of High Court order on grant of 1/30th of pay plus DA Scheme of Govt. of India (ii) implementation of High Court order on grant of Bonus to all daily rated mazdoors and (iii) regularization of services of DRMs. At Port Blair, hundreds of APWD workers assembled in front of the Chief Engineer's office and held a mass demonstration. Addressing the gathering, Mr. B. Chandrachoodan, President of the ASNVMS said that despite High Court orders, the A & N Administration is not implementing the Office Memorandum of 1988 issued by Govt. of India granting 1/30th of pay plus DA to the daily rated mazdoors. He further said that even after the favorable orders, the daily rated mazdoors of APWD



are not being paid the Bonus. He further said that contempt petition against the Officers of Administration including Chief Engineer is pending in the High Court for their failure to implement the High Court order on grant of bonus. Mr. R. Surendran Pillai, President, CITU, Mr. SP Kalairajan, General Secretary, ASNVMS, Mr. SB Bhattacharjee and Mr. Anand Rajan, Treasurer, ASNVMS led the mass demonstration.

At Diglipur, the APWD workers held mass demonstration in front of the Executive Engineer's office which was led by Mr. N. Murthy, Vice President, North Andaman Public Works Union. Mayabunder

workers also participated in the mass demonstration held in front of the office of Executive Engineer, APWD, Mayabunder. Also at Rangat, mass demonstration was led by Mr. Karuppaiah, Secretary, Rangat Branch of ASNVMS, At Baratang, Mr. Jayakumar led the mass demonstration in front of the office of the Asst Engineer, Baratang. At Hut Bay also workers participated in the mass demonstration held in front of the office of the Executive Engineer, Hut Bay. Mass demonstration by APWD workers was held at Neil Island also.

The mass demonstration will continue till the demands are settled.

Death Mourned

Port Blair, Oct 19: Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP - A & N Islands has deeply mourned the sad demise

of Anthony Theophilus (Aged 65 yrs.) R/o Tamaloo Village, Car Nicobar yesterday on 18.10.2022. In his message Mr. Jolly prayed to the Al-

mighty to give peace to his eternal soul departed for heavenly abode and give strength to his bereaved family member to bear this irreparable loss.

Death Mourned

Port Blair, Oct 19: Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP - A & N Islands has condoled the demise of

Livin Surin (Aged 78 yrs) Husband of Mrs. Jaya Prabha resident of Campbell Bay who passed away early this morning. In his message Mr. Jolly prayed

to the Almighty to give peace to his eternal soul departed for heavenly abode and give strength to his bereaved family member to bear this irreparable loss.

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